

CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

CROSS AND SMITH TO BOX AT EMPIRE CLUB TO-NIGHT.

Hot Rivalry Between Hebrew Light-weights, Each of Whom Is anxious to Secure a Match With Metaland Langford to Be Heavily Ducked.

Young Sammie Smith and Coach Cross, Hebrew lightweights, will probably rock the Empire A. C. boxing ring to-night when they come together in a ten round bout under the pounds. These young men box under assumed names at the near sighted Quaker semi "hot-rocks" to check, while the bowers dentist was surprised "Wallach." The former is 16 years old and has been a professional boutist a little more than a year, but Cross is older and has had the greater amount of experience. Smith is a first class boxer. He is very fast on his feet, knows how to protect himself with both hands and is a pretty fair puncher. His left hand is particularly effective in jabbing and hitting, while he can uppercut with the right in a way that is extremely annoying. He is all science, possessing a cool head and keen judgment, but never so aggressive his opponent may be.

Cross, on the other hand, is a rasher who can slug with either hand. He knows more about boxing than the average New York fighter, and in spite of a shrewd after being knocked out by Dick Ryland in a long drawn out battle in California last year he has gradually come back. Several weeks ago Cross surprised the sporting fraternity by knocking out Charley Griffin of Australia in two rounds, which in view of Griffin's skill as a boxer was regarded as a remarkable achievement. Smith easily outpointed Knock Out Brown and Jack Goodman, not so very long ago, and recently he had a fierce meeting to Battling Hurley in Philadelphia. His victory over Hurley came after a much needed rest and indicated that Smith was rapidly regaining his best form.

As both are anxious to prove their supremacy Cross and Smith have been training for more than two weeks for to-night's bout, and when they mount the scales at 3 o'clock this afternoon they will be in first class condition. Cross was a favorite at slight odds a week ago but Smith has enough of an even money support now so that when the two boxers meet it is men from their corners who will be in the case of even money and take your pick. If the bout proves a draw result the winner will be asked to meet Pucky McFarland here early next month.

One Round Hogan, the featherweight lightweight, will arrive here in a day or two to begin work for a ten round bout with R. O. Brown at the Madison A. C. on February 22. Hogan was originally set for routing Frankie Burns, but recent developments have caused him to promptly make up his mind to come East. Brown will take him on at the Madison A. C., but the way has encouraged John Hogan, manager, to insist that the bout be held with Ed. Wolgast. The weighty Australian Charles vs. the Canadian Johnstone will start at noon and the rest at 1 o'clock as usual.

The scores:

MARSHALL LEADS AT CHESS.

United States Champion Has Not Lost a Game in the Tourney.

The twelfth and semi-final round of the National Chess Masters Tournament, contested by the six contestants yesterday, yielded victories for E. C. Marshall, J. R. Capablanca and C. Mato, while O. Chajes of Chicago finished his schedule with a draw against A. E. Hodges. While for the time being the Western representative is second, his position is not secure because of the possibility of Capablanca passing him and also tying him. Marshall will be led by Capablanca in case of Marshall losing to Krembong and Capablanca winning from Johnner in the last round this afternoon. After eleven games the United States champion remains undefeated. The other winners yesterday were the two Brooklyn players R. T. Blair and Magnus Smith.

At the first table Capablanca was pitted against D. G. Baird and played his first move, a knight to f3, before the visitors. The Cuban won a pawn on the twentieth move, exchanged queens three moves later and concluded his opponent in a rook and knight ending lasting five moves.

Marshall, who had L. Lengwitz as his adversary, won a piece on the ninth move of a queen's gambit declined and therefore forced his adversary to the wall after twenty-four moves.

Morris played a Vienna opening against the Englishman. Both castled on the queen's side of the board. Morris gave up a piece for three pawns at his sixteenth turn, but recovered the piece in short order. This left the white king at the mercy of the attorney and Smith scored finely after thirty-one moves.

Jake and Wolgast discussed a queen's pawn opening and played only one move, the other having to do with the variation of the Ruy Lopez. On the eighth move Jake took matters in hand and captured his opponent's queen's pawn, thereby allowing him two passed pawns. Jake, however, proved to be the stronger, and after giving up a knight to avert a threat, equalized in a position of his own.

Hodges and Chajes at the sixth board had a hard game which lasted into the evening session, going down after fifty-three moves. Hodges had the move in a queen's pawn opening.

In the final round today the pairing was as follows: Tenenwitz vs. Hodges; Krembong vs. Marshall; Walot vs. Johnner; Capablanca-Chajes, vs. the two. The Capablanca-Johnner game will start at noon and the rest at 1 o'clock as usual.

The standing of the contestants to date is as follows:

FIRST BOARD: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Capablanca, 10; Marshall, 9; Baird, 8; Hodges, 7; Chajes, 6; Krembong, 5; Johnner, 4; Morris, 3; Lengwitz, 2; Hodges, 1.

Second Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Walot, 10; Marshall, 9; Johnner, 8; Hodges, 7; Chajes, 6; Krembong, 5; Morris, 4; Lengwitz, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Third Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Johnner, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Krembong, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Fourth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Fifth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Sixth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Seventh Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Eighth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Ninth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Tenth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Eleventh Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Twelfth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Thirteenth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Fourteenth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Fifteenth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Sixteenth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Seventeenth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Eighteenth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Nineteenth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Twenty-first Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Twenty-second Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Twenty-third Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Twenty-fourth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Twenty-fifth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Twenty-sixth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Twenty-seventh Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Twenty-eighth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Twenty-ninth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Thirtieth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Thirty-first Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Thirty-second Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Thirty-third Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Thirty-fourth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Thirty-fifth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Thirty-sixth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Thirty-seventh Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Thirty-eighth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Thirty-ninth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Fortieth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Forty-first Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Forty-second Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Forty-third Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Marshall, 10; Hodges, 9; Chajes, 8; Morris, 7; Hodges, 6; Hodges, 5; Hodges, 4; Hodges, 3; Hodges, 2; Hodges, 1.

Forty-fourth Board: QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.